

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

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A RESOLUTION designating March 13, 2011, as “K-9 Veterans Day” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those who have contributed greatly in service to this State and to these United States; and

WHEREAS, this recognition extends to those canines who have dedicated their lives in service to serving and protecting our soldiers, our citizens, and our borders; and

WHEREAS, since World War I, America’s dogs of war have saved the lives of countless soldiers and have rendered honorable and largely unrecognized service to the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their service to the military, dogs have also been invaluable in border protection, police work, search and rescue operations, therapeutic rehabilitation, and service to the handicapped and have been used by the United States Coast Guard, the Secret Service, United States Customs, and numerous other agencies; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 1942, a K-9 Corps was established by the United States military; and

WHEREAS, with their heightened senses and unwavering dedication to service, dogs have performed with bravery and honor for many years, and it is fitting that this body recognize this country’s many canine veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 13, 2011, as “K-9 Veterans Day” in Tennessee and formally recognize the many contributions made by military dogs and service

dogs throughout the history of these United States, urging all of our citizens to observe this day with respectful ceremony and gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.